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The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.
Honorable Emil Jones, Jr., President of the Senate, presiding.
Prayer by Bishop James C. Austin, Sr., St. Luke Church of God in Christ, Chicago, Illinois.
Senator Link led the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Journal of Saturday, July 24, 2004, was being read when on motion of Senator Maloney, further reading of same was dispensed with and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

The Journal of Friday, November 5, 2004, was being read when on motion of Senator Maloney, further reading of same was dispensed with and unless some Senator had corrections to offer, the Journal would stand approved. No corrections being offered, the Journal was ordered to stand approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

**ILLINOIS STATE SENATE
BARACK OBAMA
SENATOR – 13TH DISTRICT**

November 4, 2004

Ms. Linda Hawker
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Room 401
Springfield, IL 62701

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised I am resigning from my elected office as the State Senator of the 13th Legislative District in the State of Illinois. This resignation is effective immediately due to my election to the U.S. Senate and the urgent responsibilities in transition.

Sincerely,
s/Barack Obama
Senator

cc: Senate President Emil Jones, Jr.
Senate Minority Leader Frank Watson
Chairperson Leslie Hairston, Legislative Committee for the 13th Legislative District
Daniel White, Exec. Director, State Board of Elections
Jackie Price, Director, Index Division, Secretary of State
Patrick O'Grady, Director, Legislative Research Unit

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State**

November 8, 2004

Honorable Linda Hawker
Secretary of the Senate
Room 401
Capitol Building
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Ms. Hawker:

[November 8, 2004]

This office is forwarding herewith copies of the Notice of Vacancy from the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 13th Legislative District declaring the existence of a vacancy in the Office of Senator in the Ninety-Third General Assembly in the 13th Legislative District, as a result of the resignation of **Senator Barack Obama**.

Also enclosed is the copy of the Democratic Legislative Committee's Certificate of Appointment for **Kwame Raoul, 855 E. Drexel Sq., Chicago, Illinois** who was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Office of Senator, in the 93rd General Assembly for the 13th Legislative District, along with the Oath of Office.

Yours truly,
s/Jesse White
Secretary of State

**OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
JESSE WHITE – Secretary of State**

NOTICE

Changes in the Ninety-Third General Assembly

SENATE

Appointment

Kwame Raoul
855 E. Drexel Sq.
Chicago, Illinois
13th Legislative District
Appointed: November 6, 2004
Filed: November 8, 2004

Vacancy

Barack Obama
13th Legislative District
Resigned
Filed: November 8, 2004

cc: Communications Department
House Speaker Madigan
House Minority Leader Cross
Legal Department
Legislative Affairs
Office of the Governor
Secretary of State
Senate President Jones
Senate Minority Leader Watson
State Board of Elections

November 6, 2004

Ms. Linda Hawker
Secretary of the Illinois Senate
Capitol Building
Room 401
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Please be advised that the Democratic Legislative Committee of the 13th Legislative District met on November 6, 2004, and declared that a vacancy exists in the office of State Senator for the 13th Legislative District of the State of Illinois as a result of the resignation of Senator Barack Obama.

You are hereby notified of the vacancy in the office of State Senator for the 13th Legislative District of the State of Illinois as a result of the resignation of Senator Barack Obama.

[November 8, 2004]

s/Leslie Hairston, Chairperson
Democratic Legislative Committee
13th Legislative District

November 6, 2004

Ms. Linda Hawker
Secretary of the Senate
State House
Room 401
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Madam Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 25-6 of the Illinois Election Code, please be advised that the attached is a duly executed Certificate of Appointment to fill the vacancy in the office of State Senator for the 13th Legislative District of the State of Illinois which certifies the appointment of Kwame Raoul, who resides at 855 East Drexel Square, Chicago, Illinois, to fill the vacancy in the office of State Senator for the 13th Legislative District created by the resignation of Senator Barack Obama.

s/Leslie Hairston, Chairperson
Democratic Legislative Committee
13th Legislative District

**CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN
THE OFFICE OF SENATOR IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the office of State Senator in the Illinois General Assembly for the 13th Legislative District by the resignation of Senator Barack Obama, who was duly elected Senator from the 13th Legislative District, as a candidate of the Democratic Party, in the General Election held on November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Committee of the Democratic Party of the 13th Legislative District has declared the existence of the vacancy in said office and has voted to fill the vacancy in said office as required by Section 25-6 of the Election Code; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama received a total number of 48,669 votes at the general election held on November 5, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the total number of votes necessary to appoint a successor to fill the vacancy in the office of State Senator in the General Assembly from the 13th Legislative District is 24,335; and

WHEREAS, Kwame Raoul, who resides at 855 E. Drexel Sq., Chicago, Illinois, received a total of 43,762 votes to fill the vacancy of said office; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Legislative Committee of the Democratic Party of the 13th Legislative District of the State of Illinois hereby appoints Kwame Raoul, a member of the Democratic Party, to the office of State Senator in the General Assembly from the 13th Legislative District of Illinois.

Dated: November 6, 2004

s/Leslie A. Hairston
Chairperson, Hairston 12,922 votes

s/Bobby Rush
Committeeman, Rush 2,828 votes

Committeeman Tillman 2,310 votes

s/Todd H. Stroger proxy
Committeeman Stroger 311 votes

s/John A. Pope
Committeeman Pope 1,611 votes

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s/Toni Preckwinkle
Committeeman Preckwinkle 13,920 votes

Committeeman Troutman 2,597 votes

s/Freddrenna Lyle
Committeeman Lyle 0 votes

s/Burt F. Natarus
Committeeman Natarus 6,559 votes

s/William Beavers
Committeeman Beavers 5,304 votes

s/Todd H. Stroger proxy
Committeeman Roth 307 votes

OFFICIAL OATH OF OFFICE

I, Kwame Raoul, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of **STATE SENATOR**, 13th Legislative District, State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

s/Kwame Raoul

Subscribed and sworn to before me by Kwame Raoul on November 6, 2004:

s/Charles E. Freeman
Judge, Illinois Supreme Court

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 652

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Richard "Coconut" Neal of Benton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 653

Offered by Senators E. Jones - Collins and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dr. Barbara Ann Laffoon Sizemore of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION 654

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of U.S. Army Private First Class Collier E. Barcus of McHenry.

SENATE RESOLUTION 655

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Francisco G. "Frank" Salazar of Round Lake Beach.

SENATE RESOLUTION 656

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jeann Lee Frank, nee Budd, of Grayslake.

SENATE RESOLUTION 657

Offered by Senator Althoff and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins of Crystal Lake.

SENATE RESOLUTION 658

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Clara McKinley.

SENATE RESOLUTION 659

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Marion Michael Zielinski of Burbank.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 660

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mary C. Sroka of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 661

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charlie Mae Funderburk of Winthrop Harbor.

SENATE RESOLUTION 662

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Erman E. "Wink" Schairer of El Paso.

SENATE RESOLUTION 663

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James William "J.W." Cowan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 664

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Dr. James Franklin Clayborne, Jr.

SENATE RESOLUTION 665

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Marine Cpl. Christopher W. Belchik of Alton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 666

Offered by Senator Petka and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Joliet Police Department Patrol Officer Jonathan E. "Wood" Walsh of Joliet.

SENATE RESOLUTION 667

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Sister Mary Ludgera Pieperbeck, O.S.F., R.N., Ph.D.

SENATE RESOLUTION 668

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Idora E. Vallas.

SENATE RESOLUTION 669

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Cecilia Mary Couri LaHood of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION 670

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas E. Rand of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION 671

Offered by Senator Risinger and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Russell D. Smith of Princeton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 672

Offered by Senator Risinger and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Joseph Allen Murphey of Princeton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 673

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Jane-Anne Monaco of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 674

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Judge LaVerne A. Dixon of Lake County.

SENATE RESOLUTION 675

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Bruce Carl Boyke.

SENATE RESOLUTION 676

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Evelyn J. (Mohart) Wakeland Bartylak of Godfrey.

SENATE RESOLUTION 677

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charles A. James III of Wood River.

SENATE RESOLUTION 678

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of James Earl "Jim" Holt of Alton.

SENATE RESOLUTION 679

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Nikolas Roland "Nik" Eads of Bethalto.

SENATE RESOLUTION 680

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edward Koranda, CDR-USNR, of Zion.

SENATE RESOLUTION 681

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Thomas R. Yentes of West Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION 682

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lutrelle "Lu" Fleming Palmer Jr. of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION 683

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Charles Edward "Chuck" Curry of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION 684

Offered by Senators E. Jones – Watson - Bomke and all Senators:
Mourns the death of William P. "Bill" Wozniak of Petersburg.

SENATE RESOLUTION 685

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Joseph Raymond "Ray" Hanahan of Godfrey.

SENATE RESOLUTION 686

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Clarence Evans.

SENATE RESOLUTION 687

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Aaron E. Siegel of Deerfield.

SENATE RESOLUTION 688

Offered by Senator Link and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mildred Christensen.

SENATE RESOLUTION 689

Offered by Senator Jacobs and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Donald “Whitey” Verstraete of Moline.

SENATE RESOLUTION 690

Offered by Senator Forby and all Senators:
Mourns the death of United State Marine Sergeant Benjamin “Mudcat” Smith of Carterville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 691

Offered by Senator Lightford and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Henrietta Moss of Harrisburg.

SENATE RESOLUTION 692

Offered by Senators Lightford – E. Jones, Clayborne, Collins, Hendon, Hunter, Meeks, Obama, Trotter and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Hezekiah Davis.

SENATE RESOLUTION 693

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Albert A. Apa of Springfield.

SENATE RESOLUTION 694

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Elizabeth T. “Betty” Gray of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 695

Offered by Senator Meeks and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gwendolyn Franklin Lymore.

SENATE RESOLUTION 696

Offered by Senator E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Carl Frederick McFerren of Chicago.

SENATE RESOLUTION 697

Offered by Senator Shadid and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Betty Lou Bacon of Peoria.

SENATE RESOLUTION 698

Offered by Senator Sandoval and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Manuel Eliseo Navarro.

SENATE RESOLUTION 699

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Frank D. Kaiser of Waukegan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 700

Offered by Senator Geo-Karis and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Gladys Royce Drost of Zion.

SENATE RESOLUTION 701

Offered by Senators Demuzio – E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Richard V. “Gus” Hopper of Chatham.

SENATE RESOLUTION 702

Offered by Senators Demuzio – E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of William Frederick Trapp of Springfield.

SENATE RESOLUTION 703

Offered by Senators Demuzio – E. Jones and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mia M. Ware of Jacksonville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 704

Offered by Senator Brady and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Illinois Army National Guard Specialist Jessica Lynn Cawvey of Mahomet.

SENATE RESOLUTION 705

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Karl Kenneth Oller of Roxana.

SENATE RESOLUTION 706

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ugo Sabatini of Oak Lawn.

SENATE RESOLUTION 707

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Christopher J. Janowiak.

SENATE RESOLUTION 708

Offered by Senator Viverito and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Elizabeth “Betty” Trovato of Burbank.

SENATE RESOLUTION 709

Offered by Senator Haine and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Lars Hoffman of Godfrey.

SENATE RESOLUTION 710

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Edwin H. Callison Sr. of Belleville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 711

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Avis C. “Chris” Bauman of Belleville..

SENATE RESOLUTION 712

Offered by Senator Clayborne and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Mildred Junie Mae Beasley of Lovejoy.

SENATE RESOLUTION 713

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Robert “Bob” H. Jarrell of Naperville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 714

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Army Sergeant Jack Hennessy of Naperville.

SENATE RESOLUTION 715

Offered by Senator Dillard and all Senators:
Mourns the death of Ronald Ghilardi, former Mayor of Lisle.

By unanimous consent, the foregoing resolutions were referred to the resolutions Consent Calendar.

Senator Collins offered the following Senate Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 717

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are concerned with the plight of innocent victims of genocide around the world and recognize that stable and peaceful international conditions provide benefits and opportunities for the citizens of this State; and

WHEREAS, Since seizing power through a military coup in 1989, the government of Sudan has repeatedly attacked and dislocated the civilian population in southern Sudan in a coordinated policy of ethnic cleansing that has cost the lives of more than 2,000,000 people and that has dislocated more than 4,000,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Sudanese government forces and government-supported militia forces have used the rape of women, the abduction of children, and the destruction of food and water resources as weapons of war; and

WHEREAS, The United States Agency for International Development believes that the violence and the obstruction of the delivery of food, shelter, and medical care to the people in the Dafur region of Sudan will result in the death of an estimated 320,000 people between April 1, 2004 and December 31, 2004; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 5061 is a bi-partisan bill currently under consideration in the 108th United States Congress to provide assistance for the current crisis in the Dafur region of Sudan and to facilitate a comprehensive peace in Sudan; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that in a demonstration of our commitment to freedom, liberty, and justice, we condemn the government of Sudan for its participation in atrocities committed in the Dafur region of Sudan and declare those atrocities to be genocide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon the members of the United States Congress and upon the federal executive branch to support H.R. 5061 in an effort to end the human rights abuses occurring in Sudan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call upon the National Islamic Front in Khartoum to make all restitution necessary to allow the victims of its state-sponsored atrocities to return to their peaceful and cultural way of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the President pro tempore of the U.S. Senate, the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

Senator del Valle offered the following Senate Joint Resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Rules:

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 89

WHEREAS, The State Board of Education has filed its Report on Waiver of School Code Mandates, dated September 30, 2004, with the Senate, the House of Representatives, and the Secretary of State of Illinois as required by Section 2-3.25g of the School Code; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that the General Assembly is encouraged to promptly review and evaluate the Report and determine whether to disapprove, in whole or in part, the Report or any waiver request or appealed request outlined in the Report.

MOTIONS IN WRITING

Senator Forby submitted the following Motion in Writing:

[November 8, 2004]

MOTION

I move that Senate Bill 2273 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Date: September 5, 2004

s/Gary Forby
Senator

Senator Shadid submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MOTION

I move that Senate Bill 2374 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Date: November 5, 2004

s/George P. Shadid
Senator

Senator Burzynski submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MOTION

I move that Senate Bill 2460 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Date: November 8, 2004

s/J. Bradley Burzynski
Senator

Senator Trotter submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MOTION

I move that Senate Bill 2847 do pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Governor.

Date: November 5, 2004

s/Donne E. Trotter
Senator

The foregoing Motions in Writing were filed with the Secretary and placed on the Senate Calendar.

Senator Crotty submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MOTION

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 2395 in manner and form as follows:

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2395

IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Amend Senate Bill 2395, on page 2, line 26, and on page 4, line 16, by adding after the word "setting" the following language: ", including experience required by federal law or federal court order".

Date: November 8, 2004

s/Maggie Crotty
Senator

Senator Crotty submitted the following Motion in Writing:

MOTION

I move to accept the specific recommendations of the Governor as to Senate Bill 2690 in manner and form as follows:

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 2690

IN ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS

Amend Senate Bill 2690 on page 38, lines 6 and 7, by replacing "July 1, 2004" with "January 1, 2005".

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Date: November 8, 2004

s/Maggie Crotty
Senator

The foregoing Motions in Writing were filed with the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Rules.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

SENATE BILL NO. 3390. Introduced by Senator Bomke, a bill for AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 3391. Introduced by Senator J. Jones, a bill for AN ACT concerning transportation.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

SENATE BILL NO. 3392. Introduced by Senator Welch, a bill for AN ACT concerning land.

The bill was taken up, read by title a first time, ordered printed and referred to the Committee on Rules.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION

Senator Bomke asked and obtained unanimous consent to have **Senate Resolution No. 684** removed from the Resolution Consent Calendar and taken up for immediate consideration.

Senator Bomke moved that **Senate Resolution No. 684** be adopted.

The motion prevailed.

And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 12:49 o'clock p.m., Senator Halvorson presiding.

PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTION

Senator E. Jones offered the following Senate Resolution and, having asked and obtained unanimous consent to suspend the rules for its immediate consideration, moved its adoption:

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 716

WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of Illinois would like to congratulate State Senator Barack H. Obama, who was elected to represent the State of Illinois in the United States Senate on November 2, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama was born August 4, 1961 in Hawaii and grew up in Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama graduated from Columbia University with a degree in political science and a specialty in international relations; he worked as a community organizer in some of Chicago's toughest neighborhoods, helping church groups create job-training programs, reform area schools, and improve city services; he went on to Harvard Law School, where he graduated magna cum laude and served as the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review; and

WHEREAS, After law school, Obama organized one of the largest voter registration drives in Chicago history to help Bill Clinton's election and worked as a civil rights lawyer on cutting edge voting rights and employment discrimination cases in federal and State courts; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the Illinois State Senate, Obama represented Illinois' 13th Senate District on Chicago's South Side; recognized for his innovative, effective leadership, Obama was Chairman of the powerful Health and Human Services Committee; he also served on the Judiciary and Revenue Committees; the Chicago Tribune has called him "one of the General Assembly's most

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impressive members"; and

WHEREAS, Obama was mentored by his "political godfather", Senate President Emil Jones, Jr., and inspired by his colleagues in the Illinois Senate and public officials across the State; and

WHEREAS, Obama passed laws extending health coverage to children and families without insurance, co-sponsored legislation establishing a prescription drug discount for seniors, passed legislation requiring a hospital report card that makes hospitals more accountable to consumers, championed increased funding for AIDS prevention and other public health initiatives, and sponsored legislation to expand access to affordable health care; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of a series of shocking exonerations of innocent persons on death row, Obama drafted and passed landmark legislation requiring the videotaping of interrogations and confessions in all capital cases and was chief co-sponsor of comprehensive reform of the death penalty system in Illinois; he has been a leader in reforming the juvenile justice system to keep more young people in school and out of prison and has fought to increase penalties for domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, As a senior lecturer in constitutional law at the University of Chicago Law School, Obama has been a leading voice in the Senate in protecting a woman's right to reproductive freedom; he passed model legislation designed to curb the practice of racial profiling by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Working with former United States Senator Paul Simon, Obama was a chief architect and sponsor of the first State campaign finance reform legislation in 25 years and has helped toughen rules governing government contracting and procurement; and

WHEREAS, Obama was a community organizer in Chicago in the Roseland and Altgeld Gardens neighborhoods and in New York in Harlem, promoting education and better housing; Obama has served on the boards of some of Chicago's leading foundations and chaired the Chicago Annenberg Challenge, a \$50 million philanthropic effort to reform the public schools; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama has spent a lifetime fighting effectively to empower working families and the poor - as community organizer, civil rights attorney, and a leader in the Illinois Senate; he has brought new ideas and approaches in pursuit of traditional Democratic ideals to make a real difference for people -- from better schools to affordable health care to criminal justice reform; and

WHEREAS, Barack Obama is very devoted to church and family; he is a longtime member of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, which is pastored by Reverend Dr. Jeremiah Wright; he enjoys the continued support of his wife, Michelle (Robinson), and his daughters, Malia and Sasha; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we would like to congratulate Barack H. Obama on his election to the U.S. Senate and wish him well in all of his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to United States Senator-elect Barack H. Obama as a token of our respect and esteem.

The Motion prevailed.
And the resolution was adopted.

At the hour of 1:10 o'clock p.m., the Chair announced that the Senate stand adjourned until Tuesday, November 9, 2004, at 2:00 o'clock p.m.

[November 8, 2004]